



South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 7, 2023. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 1.2 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 50s.

Crops

Another week of cool temperatures and dry conditions throughout most of the state allowed farmers ample time for fieldwork. The dry weather and high winds caused some scorch to crops and reduced soil moisture levels in the Midlands region. Corn planting neared completion as emergence continued to progress. Cotton, peanut, and soybeans were being planted; however, some areas were delayed due to cool nighttime temperatures. Tobacco fields continued to be transplanted. Wheat fields were drying down and nearly finished heading out. The vegetable crop was reported to be looking good, and some tomatoes were starting to put on blooms in the Lowcountry region.

Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures continued to be in relatively good condition around the state. The first cutting of hay continued, although fields with warm season grasses have been slower to respond due to the cool nighttime temperatures.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/07/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	98	91	96	98
Corn - Emerged	90	75	87	93
Cotton - Planted	20	3	10	23
Hay - 1st Cutting	41	32	43	35
Peaches - Harvested	0	NA	1	0
Peanuts - Planted	26	7	18	28
Soybeans - Planted	9	3	9	11
Soybeans - Emerged	0	NA	1	1
Tobacco - Transplanted	56	35	61	73
Winter wheat - Headed	85	85	93	90

(NA) Not available.

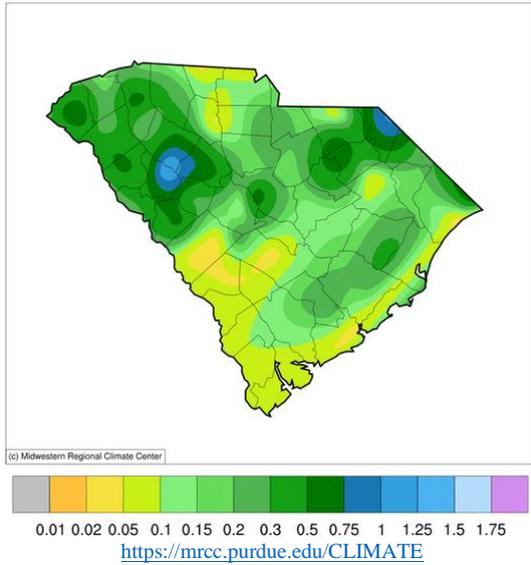
Conditions for Week Ending 05/07/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	1	1	16	76	6
Corn	0	7	27	62	4
Pasture and range	1	3	22	69	5
Peaches	0	13	46	41	0
Winter wheat	0	2	21	73	4

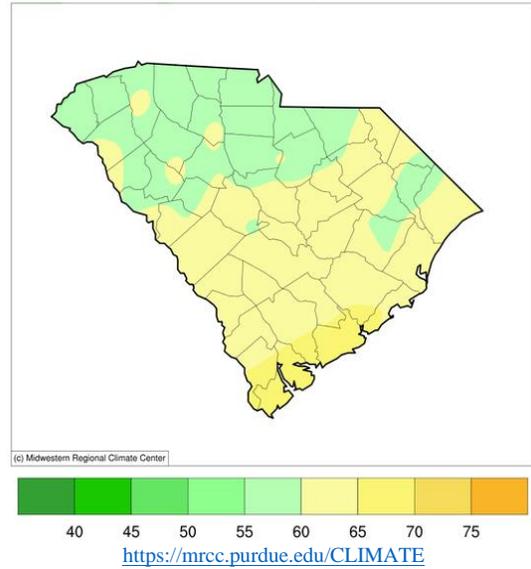
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/07/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	3
Short	3	16
Adequate	76	69
Surplus	21	12
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	3
Short	0	11
Adequate	84	76
Surplus	16	10

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 01, 2023 to May 08, 2023



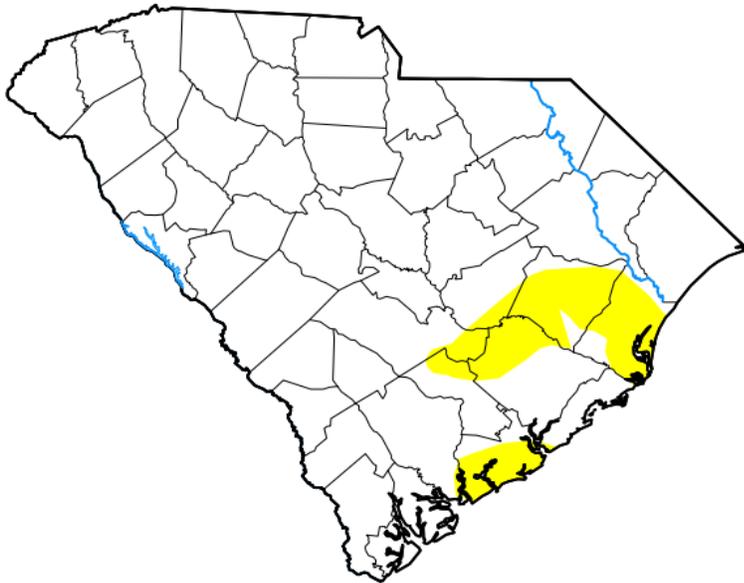
Average Temperature (°F)
May 01, 2023 to May 08, 2023



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2023.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	91.44	8.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-25-2023	91.44	8.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-31-2023	81.18	18.82	4.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 05-03-2022	59.20	40.80	24.69	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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